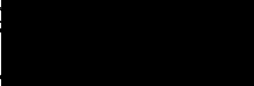
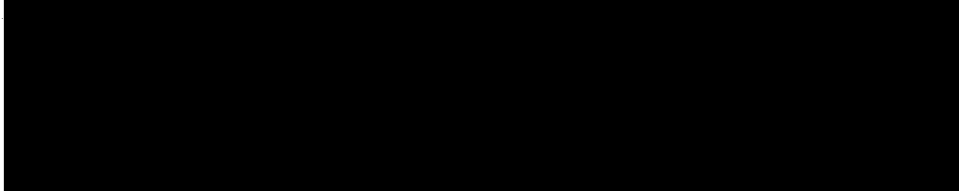


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Artillery Unit in Topolcanv (P 49/T 64)

1. An artillery unit with the Utvar No. 4749 occupied barracks northwest of Topolcanv on 10 October 1949. Recruits were addressed during a military celebration as "Topolcan Garrison of Tomas G. Masaryk".
2. There were about 150 soldiers in the unit. Weapons included 122-mm guns, six mortars and some machine guns. Two armored cars and about fifty horses were seen. \*
3. Soldiers with advanced training practiced with bazookas at the training grounds.

Forced Labor Camp in Plavecke Podhradie (P 49/T 03)

4. The forced labor camp in Plavecke Podhradie had Utvar No. 4563 and POB 20/22 m on 4 June 1950. Its official designation was road-construction battalion. \*\* It was subordinate to the 3rd Engr Regt, Utvar No. 4563, in Sered (P 49/T 31). \*\*\* The political officer at the camp was Sub-lieutenant Maier.
5. 2nd Co, numbering about 150 soldiers, was organized into the 1st and 2nd platoons for road construction and quarry work, and the 3rd platoon for repair of pontoons which came from Bratislava (P 49/X 99). The 2nd Co was commanded by Senior Lieutenant Fedoreik.
6. The companies carried no weapons when working. About 165 rifles, 6 sub-machine guns and some pistols were stored in the arms depot.
7. There were 12 hours of political indoctrination per week, and two hours of special indoctrination twice a week. The latter instruction was attended by about ten percent of the EM.
8. Another labor camp for air force personnel was in Plavecke Podhradie.

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Comment. The 122-mm howitzers may indicate that this is the III Bn of the 9th Arty Regt, located in Topolcany and subordinate to the 9th Inf Div.

Comment. The battalion has been reported frequently and is confirmed by this information. See

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Comment. According to the statements of other deserters, the labor battalion was subordinate to an engineer regiment in Sered. See It is doubted, however, that it was the 3rd Engr Regt, since the latter formerly belonged to the 3rd MD and was located in Kromeriz. The Urban

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1 Annex: Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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